Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) Twenty-two village officers and one Revenue Inspector.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) All except 5 village officers are using their cycles. The necessary orders have been issued to the Tahsildars concerned to see that the officers who are not using cycles refund the balance of the loan outstanding against them in a lump.

Restoration of grants.

313. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state their reasons for restoring the grant to continue this Legislative Council, when all except one of the elected Members sitting in the House took part in refusing the grant for its continuance;

2. for what purpose they intend to continue this Council against the express wishes of the representatives of this House;

3. what was meant by the 'Peoples' Institution' in the Diwan's statement read in this House on 9th August 1929?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Vide Diwan's Proceedings C. 2678/04, dated 13th August 1929, published in the printed budget estimate for 1105.

(2) For serving the purposes for which it has been constituted.

(3) The meaning cannot be made plainer.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I shall refer to the Proceedings referred to in the answer. It is said there that it is for the discharge of the responsibility of the Government. Now it is said that the Council exists for serving the purposes for which it has been constituted. They have restored the grant, and the answer is vide Diwan's Proceedings dated so and so. In the order it is said that it is for the purpose of discharging the responsibility of the Government.

President.—That is the language of the Regulation.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The Council is being continued for the Government. We denied the grant.

President.—Now, if you do not vote the grant and the Government have certified it, you have got some favourite expressions with regard to our action, *viz.*, it is a mock Council and toy Council, &c. One purpose for which the Council is constituted is for the voting of demands for grants.

There are also so many other purposes to be served by the Council. They are laid down in the Rules, the Regulation and the Standing Orders. One of the things served by the Council is to vote the demand or cut down the demand or do what you like, and in the case of the latter, power is given to the Govern-

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ment for certification. That is one of the functions. Supposing a particular item which was voted down by the Council was certified by the Government, then, are we to abolish the Council altogether? Will it be proper for us to stop the Council for that reason?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No, no.

President.—Now the Council has been constituted for all these purposes, and you say that, because a grant has been certified, we don't want the Council at all.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Popular opinion is that we do not want such a Council, and the Government opinion is that we want such a Council.

President.—You will find, Mr. Salem, that we have guarded ourselves against anything wrong being committed. The answer is "the meaning cannot be made plainer". You know what is meant by a "Peoples' Institution". The terms which you use are 'Government of the people, for the people and by the people".

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The Parliament in England is a Peoples' Institution. But the Legislative Councils in India and elsewhere are not Peoples' Institutions, they are rather Government Institutions. The only function is that we can come and go.

President.—It is true that this is not like the Parliament. This Legislative Council cannot be considered in the same way as the Parliament. But at the same time it is not at all a Government Institution.

Details of expenditure incurred by the Economic Development Committee.

314. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what are the various items on which money was spent and how much on each item under experiments referred to in Appendix I in answer to question No. 32 of the Legislative Session of 1105?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—

Items on which money was spent.	*Amount spent on each item.* Rs.
1. For putting up wire netting for Poultry farm at Thoosam	84—0—0
2. Tuition fee incurred in connection with the training of Rama Manalar in Bee-keeping at Ramanathapuram	80—0—0
3. Economic Survey charges	200—0—0
4. Bonus to teachers for propaganda work	900—0—0

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